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TORRANCE WANTS NO BOOM

WITH real estate activity in Torrance more brisk than it has been for a number of years, with industrial expansions under way, and with almost no vacant dwellings available in the city, Torrance has entered a new era of prosperity and growth.

But let us not regard it as a boom. There are reasons why we shouldn't.

Unlike most Southern California cities, Torrance is built on a solid foundation of industry. As one Los Angeles man put it, "Torrance is one city that landed on its feet." With a firm foundation, growth here, even though it be rapid, will not necessarily be in the category of a boom.

Naturally the first activity in a city's new development must have to do with real estate. When a city enters a period of expansion the first individuals to feel it are those who deal in land.

Land transfer always precedes actual growth in population. Torrance entered a period of brisk real estate activity about two months ago. That movement is gaining impetus. It is the first chapter in one of the most important periods in the city's history.

Warnings against undue increases in rentals have been heard ever since the Columbia Steel Corporation announced its big expansion program here. Those warnings should be heeded. The price of land and the standard of rentals in an industrial community are limited by the ability of persons with fixed incomes to pay.

DeKalb Spurlin, who owns more dwellings for rent in Torrance than any other individual, told The Herald a week ago that the rentals for his houses would remain unchanged.

"I am satisfied with the return on my investment," he said, "and prefer occupied houses twelve months a year to vacant houses part of the time."

Torrance does not want a boom. A boom means unreasonable prices for rents and dwellings. A steady growth, even though rapid, but based on industrial expansion, is what Torrance wants, and apparently what Torrance is getting.

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The writer has frequently called attention in these articles to the modern tendency to bid a suit, rather than no-trump, if the hand contains a singleton or void suit. The matter of distribution has become an important point in modern bidding as the cards themselves, and no good player bids no-trump on high cards only.

With this hand as dealer, bid one club, and if your partner bids one no-trump, bid two hearts. It is a perfect example of the type of hand that plays better at a suit bid than no-trump.

There is another type of hand where the suit bid is preferable to the no-trump. In the following hand: Hearts—A, J, 8, 4 Clubs—A, K, 10, 7 Diamonds—7 Spades—A, 8, 5, 4

The proper bid is one spade, not one no-trump. Here is another example: Hearts—K, 10, 9, 8, 6, 4 Clubs—A, K, 5 Diamonds—none Spades—A, J, 10, 7

The proper bid is one heart, not one no-trump. Avoid the latter bid if the hand contains a singleton or void suit. Here are two hands that illustrate another principle that should be thoroughly understood. Suppose your partner bid one spade, second hand passed, and you held the following hand: Hearts—A, K, 10, 7, 6 Clubs—10, 7, 6 Diamonds—9, 8, 4, 3 Spades—A

Would you bid two hearts or pass? You should bid two hearts, by all means. The singleton spade is a danger-point, even though it is the ace. Never pass your partner's bid when you have a singleton of his suit, unless you have a worthless hand and no justifiable bid of your own.

The other hand is of a different type, but illustrates the same principle. Suppose your partner bids one heart, second hand passes, what is your proper bid with the following hand? Hearts—5, 4, 2 Clubs—J, 4 Diamonds—10, 6, 2 Spades—A, K, 10, 7, 3

You should bid one spade. So many players bid four-card suits nowadays that you should not lose a chance to show the other major suit, even with three little cards of your partner's suit.

So score, first game. Z dealt and bid one club, a sound bid even if Z doesn't hold top clubs. He has enough outside strength to justify the bid. A and Y passed, and B bid one spade. Z bid two clubs, and all passed. A opened the seven of spades, Y played the trey, B the ace, and Z the four. B then led back the spades, Y winning the trick with the queen. How should Z so plan the play that he can make game if the cards are divided a certain way? The only possible way for Y-Z to make game in this hand is to find the singleton queen of clubs and the queen, jack of diamonds along in the hands of either opponent. If this is true, Z should lead the king of clubs at trick three. If this lead drops the singleton queen of clubs Y-Z will lose only one club trick. Then if either A or B has the queen, jack of diamonds alone, Y-Z will not lose a diamond trick. In this way, and in this way only, can Y-Z score game. It is an interesting hand because the cards were just as supposed and Z made game by playing as indicated.



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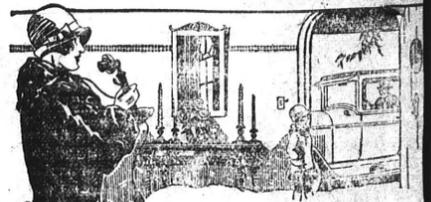
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